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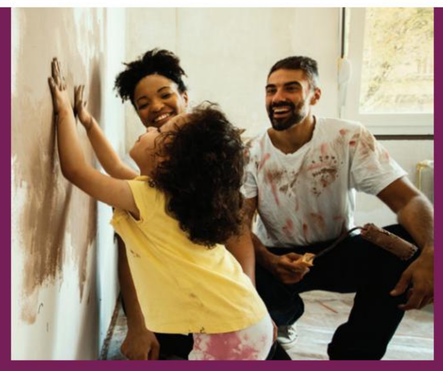

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Corewell Health names new president for Corewell Health in Southwest Michigan

Natalie Baggio, RN, will become the new president of Corewell Health in Southwest Michigan, effective July 1.

She will report to the system's Chief Operating Officer, Darryl Elmouchi, M.D., and also will actively engage with the health system's leadership team.

Baggio currently serves as senior vice president, chief nursing executive and chief operating officer for Corewell Health in Southwest Michigan. She joined the organization in 2017. She will succeed Loren Hamel, M.D., who is retiring at the end of June.

"Natalie has done a tremendous job and has been taking on more and more responsibility over the years. She has demonstrated a commitment to championing innovative ideas that have improved processes and patient care," Dr. Elmouchi said. "She cares deeply about the community."

Prior to joining Corewell Health, Baggio served in multiple health care leadership roles at Mercy Health South in St. Louis, Missouri. Natalie earned a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from Greenville College, a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing, a Master of Business Administration from Webster University, and a Doctor of Nursing practice from Baylor University. Natalie is currently enrolled in the Johnson & Johnson Nurse Innovation Fellowship Program.

"I am pleased to accept this role and honored to continue serving our patients, team members and the community here at Corewell Health," Baggio said. "I am incredibly grateful for the mentorship and guidance from Loren throughout my leadership career. I look forward to the opportunity to further build upon the strong foundation we have created together for better health here in Southwest Michigan."

Dr. Hamel added, "Corewell Health has benefitted greatly from Natalie's innovative and human-centered leadership, and I am so proud of all that she has accomplished. Natalie cares deeply about our patients and our team members. I am confident in her ability to further advance health care throughout Southwest Michigan and build upon our vision for a future where health is simple, affordable, equitable and exceptional." — STAFF REPORTS

Socrates teaches us two profound things; you're dealing with divinity not humans and by going around thinking, I really don't know for sure, you begin to get tremendously intelligent.
— Dino N. Fatouros

CORRECTIONS

On pages 9 and 10 of the April 25, 2024 issue of the *New Buffalo Times*, the correct spelling should be Samuel Wendel-Suppa, not Wendell-Suppa.The *New Buffalo Times* apologizes for this error.

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Interested buyer of bankrupt fourth generation dairy

BY STAN MADDUX

A longtime provider of milk in thick glass bottles at grocery stores like Barney's Supermarket in New Buffalo has a potential buyer not long after filing for bankruptcy.

Oberweis Dairy, based in the western Chicago suburb of North Aurora, has announced that it has received a stalking horse bid to purchase a substantial amount of its operating assets under section 363 of the bankruptcy code.

The bid is from Brian Boomsma, a prominent Chicago area business owner and founder of Dutch Farms in 1987.

Chicago based Dutch Farms is a provider of milk, eggs, cheese, deli meat and bakery products to supermarkets in the Chicago area, including northern Indiana.

A stalking horse bid is the first bid offered to a bankrupt company before a public auction takes place and serves as the reserve bid to keep competing bidders from underbidding the initial bid.

His offer to purchase the company is still subject to approval in bankruptcy court.

"We are thrilled to have a business leader like Brian Boomsma interested in investing in Oberweis and enabling the company to continue to move forward and prosper," said Oberweis President Adam Kraber.

His plan is to continue operating and growing the firm, which has beverages in one quart and half gallon glass bottles that include whole milk, chocolate milk and eggnog.

Their dairy products are also offered by Lakeshore Foods, which owns Barney's in New Buffalo and Al's Supermarkets in La Porte and Michigan City.

Oberweis also makes ice cream.

Kraber said he expects a Chapter 11 reorganization of the company under the bankruptcy filing to be completed in late June.

He placed a similar timeframe on the company moving forward under new ownership.

Kraber said the intent of filing for bankruptcy was for the company to keep operating as it does normally, while seeking debt relief and new ownership.

"We continue to be grateful to our loyal customers, vendors and committed employees who have supported us through this process," he said.

Oberweis, which was founded in 1927, listed more than $4 million in debt to creditors on its bankruptcy papers. After the filing, the company revealed plans to lay off more than 100 workers.

The company is owned by family members of former Illinois state Sen. Jim Oberweis.

According to the company's website, Peter J. Oberweis was a dairy farmer in Aurora nearly a century ago when he began selling extra milk to his neighbors from the back of a horse drawn wagon.

That same year, he became co-owner of Big Woods Dairy before buying the remaining interest in the company and renaming it Oberweis Dairy.

In 1951, his son, Joe, opened the company's first ice cream store in Aurora after perfecting his recipe and process for producing super premium ice cream.

In the 1960s, one of his sons, John, became part of the family business and ran it until his death in 1986.

The family opened a second ice cream and dairy store in 1991 about 25 miles away in Glen Ellyn.

Four years later, production moved to a new facility, which is also home to its corporate headquarters and a dairy store in North Aurora.

There's now an Oberweis ice cream and dairy store in other places like Schererville, Indiana, in the northwest part of the state.

Oberweis products are available at stores throughout much of Illinois and Indiana, along with parts of Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri and Iowa.

The company also offers beef, chicken, pork and seafood while providing home delivery of its products.

The greatest power is not money power, but political power.
— Walter Annenberg

VILLOCKS OUTDOOR LIVING TO CELEBRATE EXPANSION WITH GRAND OPENING, RIBBON-CUTTING IN SAWYER

After several years of offering quality landscape services in the area, Villwocks Outdoor Living has opened its new facility in Sawyer up to the public as a retail and wholesale plant nursery at 13841 Three Oaks Road in Sawyer.

The company grows a carefully selected range of annuals and perennials, herbs and vegetables, trees and shrubs, to enhance outdoor living spaces.

Villocks will celebrate a grand opening at its Sawyer location from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 11, during Mother's Day weekend- just in time for planting season. One lucky winner of the Grand Opening Drawing will receive a prized 10-inch hanging Proven Winners® basket.

The public is invited to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1 p.m. to be jointly hosted by the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and The Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce.

Mike Villwock took ownership of the Sawyer property last June from his sister Melissa and his mother, Karen. Karen also owned Harbert Market and Greenhouses on Red Arrow Highway from 1984 to 1999. He takes great pride in offering a complete experience for customers and plans to introduce new happenings in the future in a nod to that heritage.

"I am so excited to have this opportunity to serve Harbor Country in this way, after growing up with my mother at Harbert Market, this is a dream come true," Mike said.

This spot is in addition to the Villwocks Outdoor Living located at 8008 M-139 Berrien Springs, which is also growing to include Dorothy and Al's Farm Market in May. On June 6, they will have a grand opening celebration in Berrien Springs.

Villwock's Outdoor Living will continue to offer superior spring and fall cleanup, landscape and lawn maintenance, new landscaping design, installation services, sprinkler installation, and snow plowing services for customers in Harbor Country® and throughout southwest Michigan.

Visit them in person in Sawyer, online at www.villwocksoutdoorliving.com or by calling or texting 269-815-5415 for more information. — STAFF REPORTS

Arrest in fatal hit and run collision

BY STAN MADDUX

An arrest has been made for the death of a homeless man struck by a motor vehicle that fled in La Porte County.

Troy Slack, 48, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with leaving the scene of a fatality crash.

During an initial court hearing Friday, April 26, a trial date was set for April 14, 2025.

He was also ordered to remain in the La Porte County Jail on $20,000 bond.

A hearing was set for May 10 to decide whether an adjustment should be made in his bail amount.

Keith Eastwood, 67, was found dead about 6 a.m. Monday on the shoulder of U.S. 6 by a motorist outside Westville.

According to court documents, a major break in the case was from a part number on a passenger side mirror recovered from the accident scene coming back to a 2007-2014 GMC vehicle product.

A nearby license plate reading Flock camera on U.S. 6 at the La Porte/Porter county line that records the information from all passing vehicles was later searched.

Police said a westbound GMC Yukon passed the camera about five hours before the body was discovered and another Flock camera roughly 15 minutes later on U.S. 6 and Indiana 149 near Portage, Indiana.

The next day, police discovered no other Flock cameras nearby detected the vehicle, which allowed them to narrow down a search of the immediate area, court documents revealed.

Police said a 2007 GMC Yukon missing its passenger side mirror was found parked outside a home about 30 minutes later.

The vehicle also had fresh damage consistent with striking a person.

Police knocked on the door of the residence and were told Slack was sleeping upstairs.

According to court documents, Slack woke up, came downstairs and told his mother "I am in trouble."

Slack told officers Eastwood was in the roadway and tried to avoid him. He then panicked from not having insurance or a license plate on the vehicle he was in the process of purchasing, according to court documents.

Police said Slack also claimed he learned the man he struck died after reading a social media post about the collision.

He could face anywhere from a two to 12 year sentence on the Level 4 felony charge.

Dog owner charged with attack

BY STAN MADDUX

A Michigan City man is facing criminal charges for injuries to a man and woman, along with their 4 year old son, during an attack by one of his dogs.

Deandre Burnett is charged with three misdemeanor counts of dog bite liability.

According to police, a pack of dogs was fighting in the middle of the street in late February when a man and his 4-year-old son were walking to the family's car in the driveway of their home in the 600 block of S. Ashland Avenue.

One of the dogs began attacking the boy.

In response, police said the man struggled to remove the dog's mouth from his son's face before his wife came out and tried driving away the animal.

The husband and wife were treated and released from a hospital for injuries suffered during the attack.

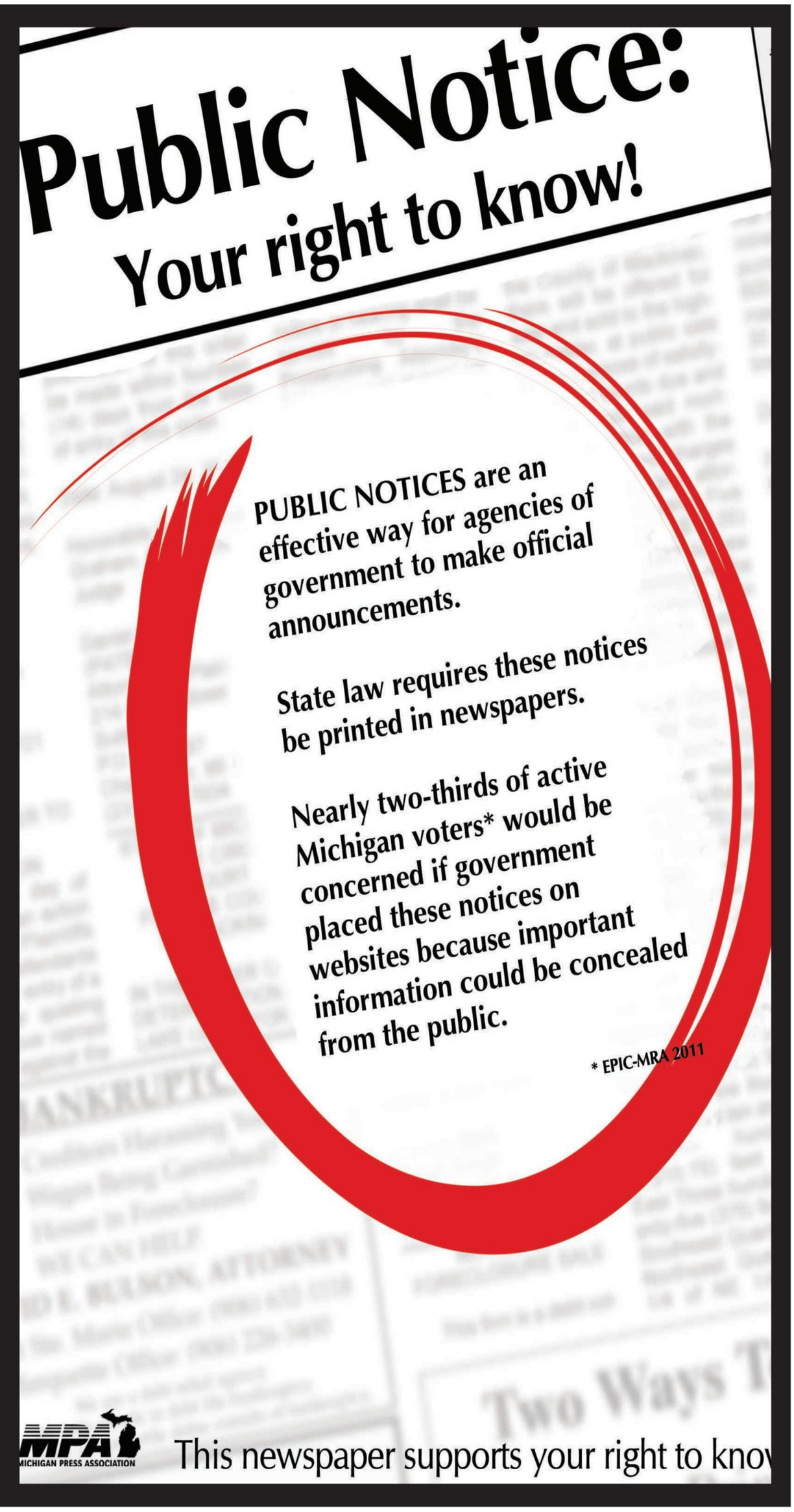
Police said the boy, though, remained in the care of a doctor for injuries to his face, head, arms and body.

There were concerns the boy's injuries were extensive enough to possibly result in scarring.

Police said the dog, which was considered by a veterinarian to be a significant risk to public safety, was euthanized.

According to court documents, four dogs belonging to Burnett were let outside his home during the night and, somehow, made their way outside the gate of their fenced in yard.

The most serious count is a Class A misdemeanor, which could bring an up to one-year jail sentence.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Cornerstone Alliance launches program empowering communities for new development

Cornerstone Alliance, the leading economic development organization in Berrien County, is proud to announce the Cornerstone Alliance Rural Readiness Program launch.

This new program will equip communities with the knowledge and tools necessary to attract and support new housing and mixed-use development within their municipality.

The Rural Readiness Program offers a dual-track approach focusing on education and development readiness. Through comprehensive education sessions and tailored consulting services, participating municipalities will gain the insights and resources needed to position themselves for growth and revitalization.

"We are excited to launch the Rural Readiness Program and empower communities within Berrien County to thrive through strategic development initiatives," said Andrew Haan, vice president of business development for Cornerstone Alliance. "With the support of our partners and the valuable resources provided by the Rural Readiness Grant Program, we will drive sustainable growth and economic prosperity in Southwest Michigan."

One key component of the program is the Cornerstone Development Academy, a four-unit educational series that guides municipal staff and boards through the real estate redevelopment process from inception to completion. This academy provides valuable training and resources to empower local officials in navigating the complexities of development projects.

The first session, "Understanding the Real Estate Redevelopment Process," will take place Tuesday, May 14, in The Oak Room at the Citadel. Participants will delve into the intricacies of planning, pre-development, and construction processes. Following this, on June 11 at the Royalton Township Offices, the session "Market Data: Turning Numbers into Opportunity" will equip attendees with the skills to comprehend and effectively communicate local market trends. Then, June 20, at the Three Oaks Public Library, the focus will be on "Evaluation of Potential Sites + Real Estate Marketing 101," guiding individuals through assessing a property's assets and liabilities for potential redevelopment. Lastly, Aug. 15, at the Oronoko Township Hall, the "Proforma 101 and Understanding Incentives" session will provide a fundamental understanding of pro forma and incentives in real estate development.

Furthermore, four selected Focus Communities within Berrien County will receive a suite of services and consulting that address their specific needs and challenges. These tailored strategies, backed by custom data analysis, will enable these communities to implement targeted initiatives to stimulate development and economic resilience.

Cornerstone Alliance will provide the funding necessary for this program in part due to securing a grant through the Rural Readiness Grant Program. This funding will be instrumental in supporting the implementation of the Rural Readiness Program and addressing the unique needs of Berrien County. The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) Office of Rural Development is responsible for funding that will grow investment and population in the region.

For more information about Cornerstone Alliance and its initiatives, visit www.gomichigan.com. — **STAFF REPORTS**

Berrien County Youth Fair Exhibitor Handbooks, online entries available

The 2024 Berrien County Youth Fair Exhibitor handbooks are now available.

A huge thanks to Andrews University for the sponsoring and printing of the 2024 Exhibitor Handbooks. Books, and entry forms may be picked up at the fair office in Berrien Springs, all Berrien County Public Libraries, the Berrien County 4-H office and the following Berrien County businesses (equine forms will be available at the libraries and fair office only:

- Baroda City Mills in Baroda,
- Country Heritage Credit Union in Buchanan,
- Tractor Supply Company and Rural King in Niles,
- Watervliet Fruit Exchange in Watervliet,
- Siefert's Farm Supply in Three Oaks and
- Tractor Supply Company in Stevensville.

Exhibitor handbooks can also be viewed entirely online by specific departments at www.bcyf.org. Exhibitor handbooks contain information on how to exhibit, exhibitor rules, registration deadlines and a complete listing of all classes available.

Exhibitors must be 5 to 20 years old to exhibit all animals, including livestock and still exhibits (crafts, home economics, horticulture and flowers). Age is determined as of Jan. 1 of the current year. Once registered (each year you will create a username and password – it can be the same as last year's), exhibitors can return to the program and add more entries up until each entry deadline, with the exception of equine. The exhibitor's printed email confirmation will serve as the traditional yellow copy of the entry form and is required on entry day, just as the yellow copy of the traditional entry form is. The link for online entries can be found at www.bcyf.org. In most cases, school projects can be exhibited, and exhibitors will be paid for exhibiting.

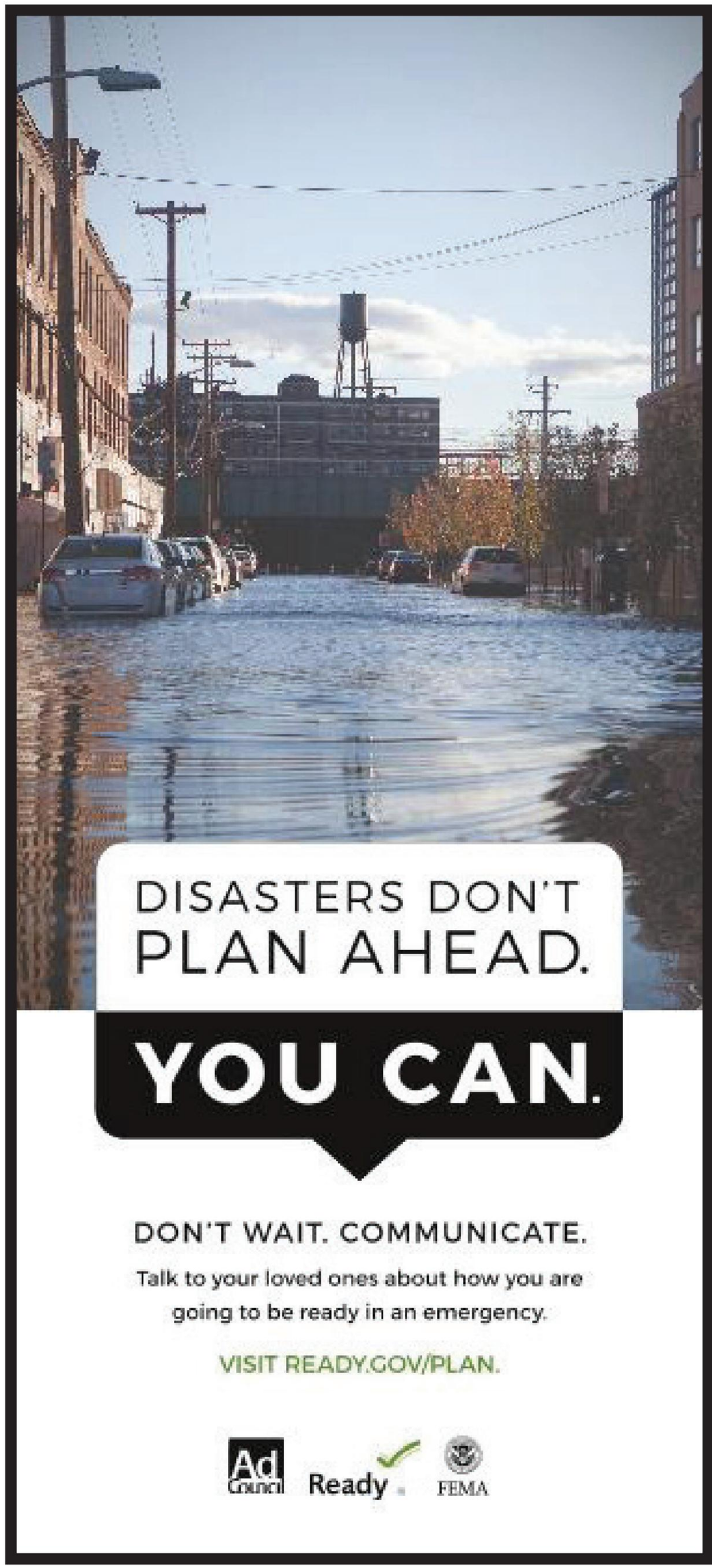
Each exhibitor will receive an exhibitor season pass for free admission to the fair for the entire week. Each exhibit will be judged and given an A, B or C award. Exhibitors will receive a ribbon and monetary award (premium) that corresponds with the award. Ribbons will be distributed when exhibits are picked up at the conclusion of the fair and premium checks can be picked up at the entry office from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, or from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18.

The following are registration deadlines: June 1 for large animals (beef breeding, dairy, sheep, goats, swine, llamas/alpacas and equine); July 1 for small animals (rabbits, poultry, cats, dogs, pocket pets) and Aug. 1 for still exhibits (crafts, home economics, flowers, horticulture, variety classes). No entries will be accepted after the deadline. Entry forms can be turned in anytime from May 1 until the appropriate deadline date.

BCYF Exhibitor Handbooks/2 Entry forms for equine and llama/alpaca are customized printed forms. Exhibitors will need to pick up their equine or llama/alpaca forms at the fair office. Llama/alpacas can be registered online, but equine must be registered with the customized printed form. Animal identification rules from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) include: dairy and beef must have official USDA identification tag – tag hotline (888) 565-8626 or a registered breed tattoo accompanied by breed registration papers; dairy cattle can use a DHIA tag as official id (Dairy Herd Improvement Assoc.); goats must have official USDA Scrapie identification tag – tag hotline (517) 337-4705 or a registered breed tattoo accompanied by breed registration papers; sheep must have official USDA Scrapie tag – tag hotline (517) 337-4705 and swine must have an 840 tag – tag hotline (888) 565-8626. The USDA tag number must be on the entry form when it is turned in to the fair office by the June 1 deadline, so youth need to order their tags as soon as possible. Call the office for clarification of any tag questions.

The fair office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A special drop box is located just outside the office doors and contains a supply of books and entry forms. Completed entry forms may be left in the slot of the drop box, mailed to the Fair Office, P.O. Box 7, Berrien Springs, MI 49103, or hand delivered during office hours. Early registration is encouraged so deadlines are not missed. Contact the Fair Office at 269-473-4251 by phone or at entry@bcyf.org by e-mail with questions.

This year's BCYF theme is "Explore Planet Fair."Fair dates are Aug. 12-17. — STAFF REPORTS



Michigan City man taken high in NFL Draft

BY STAN MADDUX

A Michigan City man's childhood dream of playing in the National Football League has come true.

Braden Fiske was drafted in the second round by the Los Angeles Rams Saturday, April 27.

Fiske, along with family members and friends, were at Zorn Brew Works on Michigan City's north side when he received a phone call from the Rams about him being the 39th overall pick in the draft.

Fiske is a 2018 graduate of Michigan City High School.

During an interview posted on YouTube, Fiske said he woke up Saturday morning feeling loose; however, the anticipation of hoping to be drafted by an NFL team struck him as soon as he walked into Zorn Brew Pub for a gathering of family members and close friends.

"It's unbelievable. It's something I dreamed of since I was 6 or 7 years old. The fact that's happening right in front of me is crazy. I'm just blessed to be in this position. I'm just ready to get back and get out there and get to back work," he said.

Fiske, a defensive lineman, played at Western Michigan University from 2019 to 2022.

His final year in college football was spent at Florida State University.

Fiske said he's also excited about the Rams trading to move up in the draft to select him and being reunited with Florida State teammate Jared Verse, another defensive lineman selected by the Rams in the first round.

He said he and Verse became close during his one year as a Seminole from both of them feeding off each other's competitiveness and work ethic.

"It made us gravitate toward each other. The closer we got, the harder we worked. It's going to be special," he said.

Fiske helped lead Michigan City to Indiana's Class 5A regional high school football title in 2017.

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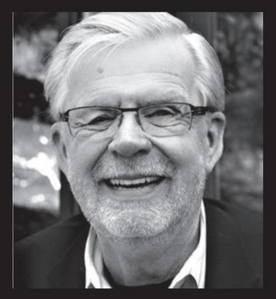


The state of Michigan, specifically the Detroit area, did a fabulous job of hosting the NFL draft this past weekend.

The Lions are really good for the first time in years and their fans have come out of hibernation, much like the team did. The city never looked better, and when the Lions had Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer announce their pick on Saturday afternoon she also told the crowd that more than 700,000 people had attended the draft, breaking the record set by Nashville in 2019 by 100,000.

I have a special affinity for Detroit, having met my wife and mother of my children there soon after graduating from college. After years of negativity, the draft gave the city an opportunity to show how good the city and its inhabitants can be, and they came through with flying colors.

The draft itself was a lot of fun to watch. With the first pick the Bears did what everyone thought they should, drafting Southern California quarterback Caleb Williams. This young man seems to be the real deal, and Bears fans are looking forward to having a great offense led by a great quarterback for the first time in history.

Eight picks later, the Bears second choice was a wide receiver from Washington that many thought would be drafted earlier, Rome Odunze. These two young men almost seem to good to be true. Both are outstanding football players who are intelligent, hard working, and happy to be Chicago Bears.

Bears fans are going to have a difficult time waiting for next season to begin.

The Bears had no choice in the second round, but in the third round with the 75th pick in the draft, they drafted an offensive tackle from Yale, Kiran Amegadjie. Kiran is a local kid from Hinsdale Illinois who grew up being a Bears fan and was overjoyed to be chosen by the Bears. For now, he will probably be a backup, but his skills should improve with good coaching and he could possibly be a starter in the future. The fourth pick was a real surprise.

With the 122nd pick in the draft, the Bears chose Tory Taylor, the all american punter from the University of Iowa. Shortly after being drafted, Taylor received a text from new teammate and fellow draftee Caleb Williams to welcome him to the team and to jokingly let him know that there wouldn't be all that many opportunities for him to punt.

Finally, the Bears sent one of next years draft picks to acquire Austin Booker with the 144th pick. Booker, a defensive end from Kansas is inexperienced but could be a rotational piece as soon as this year. Bears general manager Ryan Poles has done a great job getting this roster put together and the competition within the division will be fierce. I can't wait.

Mahatma Gandhi said "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong".

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Mustangs sweep Bison in doubleheader

BY STAN MADDUX

Freshman Jeff Tertel pitched a complete game but one bad inning from the mound was enough for River Valley to defeat New Buffalo 7-5 in the first game of a doubleheader in high school baseball Tuesday, April 30.

The Bison took an early first inning lead when, after a walk, Vaughn Nikkel, stole second base and came home on a throwing error to first base on a ground ball to the shortstop from Nick Wolfe.

Struggling with his control, starting pitcher D.J. Freehling was taken out of the game and replaced by Shawn Driscoll, who got the Mustangs out of the first inning jam with no additional runs scored.

The Bison scored again in the third inning.

Ethan Lijewski was hit by a pitch and stole second base.

Lijewski came home on a bad throw by the catcher into left field while he was attempting to steal third base.

Tertel had not given up a hit until the third inning, when the Mustangs reached base on two consecutive bunts for infield singles from Owen Slavens and Driscoll.

The runners then advanced on a wild pitch.

Trey Ackerman drew a walk to load the bases.

Three runs then scored on a ground ball into the hole at second base followed by two consecutive singles to left field by Cooper Lynch and Jack Seifert.

Two more sharply hit balls to left field by the next hitters, Matt Moore and Kayden Gibson, drove in another three runs.

Tertel managed to get out of the inning on a fly ball to right field and strike out from the next two hitters.

Driscoll, with two outs in the fourth inning, found himself in a bases loaded jam after giving up a single to Nick Messinger and striking two batters with the ball.

New Buffalo didn't score again until the fifth inning, when Hagen Davis drove home a run with a single to right field.

The Bison pulled to within two runs in the sixth inning when Messinger scored on a fielder's choice to second base after he reached base on a walk.

The Mustangs scored again when Ryder Wolnik singled to left field in the bottom of the sixth inning and stole second base before coming home on a passed ball from Tertel to the catcher.

The Bison opened the seventh inning with two straight singles, including a line drive up the middle from Tertel.

One of the runners crossed the plate but nobody else in the line-up could reach base.

River Valley (8-3) won the second game 8-0.

The Bison fell to 7-6 on the season.

Eric Bradford does Suzanna Bierwirth's portrait at The Acorn's Art Attack launch event

Lea Bult does a portrait of Bridget Verdun at The Acorn's Art Attack launch event

Art lovers converge on A Drawing Room Saturday night

Matt Raney works on his latest painting at David's Delicatessen

Buddy Pearson and Patty Shaffner perform at The Acorn's Art Attack launch event

Dawn Adams stands by her water-themed oil paintings in ROAR gallery

Deb Williams displays her jewelry at The Pokagon Fund Art Gallery

David Baker does a portrait of Lynn Turner at The Acorn's launch event

Lauren Jolly poses as Jessica Hightower does her portrait at The Acorn's Art Attack launch event

Robert Hixon displays his artwork in the Robert Hixon Studio

Art enthusiasts celebrate 30 years of 'All That is Art' in the area

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Even after 30 years, Art Attack continues to reinvent itself.

This year, the annual event, which celebrates "All That is Art" in Harbor Country, took place at 42 venues Friday through Sunday, April 26-28.

"Everything is so unique around here, so we all make ourselves into an art form for the weekend - and I think this year, we've got quite a few people who've done a good job on that," Rita Cochran, who, with her sister, Jennifer, founded Art Attack and owns Local Color Gallery in Union Pier, said.

This year, Rita said that Chikaming Open Lands ensured "art was infused with nature together" during a gallery hike through Robinson Woods Preserve, which featured stations displaying winners of COL's photography competitions and local artists.

Other unique offerings included a wine tasting with local wine enthusiast Steven Salisbury at Local Color Gallery, a cocktail making demonstration with Michigan liquors and precision syrups at Local Pour, a cocktail demonstration at Journeyman Distillery and a community dinner at Granor Farms for the Krasl Art Center, during which items that were grown on the farm were artfully placed on a plate.

"Hopefully, from place to place to place, you've not seen anything the same at any of the places - everything is so different," Rita said.

People also received hands-on experience, such as at Fusion Gallery and Studio in Bridgman, which invited guests to create a crushed magical garden. Artists at the venues also have the chance to walk art lovers through the step by step process of how they crafted their latest creations.

New galleries, such as Roar Art Gallery and Robert Hixon Studio, both in Three Oaks, had also made debuts that weekend.

Rita and Jennifer said that the event can be equated to "spring cleaning" because it gives the participating businesses the chance to show off their merchandise before the busy season.

"We want to capitalize on that - the businesses that are here every day during the year, just not bring in artists from everywhere and then it's for them...This is for the people that are brick and mortar," Jennifer said.

"It's a time to show off - and be able to talk one on one with people," Rita said.

The event, which started in the dead of winter before migrating to its current spot, is a reminder for the sisters of all the area has to offer.

"It is pretty amazing what we got in the area...Sometimes we forget how great it is around here, too," Jennifer said.

Zech Ray does Zach Hackett's portrait at The Acorn's Art Attack launch event

Tim Soulis explains his thin fusing technique for lampshades at Local Color Gallery

Rachel Saldivar displays her artwork in The Pokagon Fund Art Gallery

Jennifer Cochran toasts to Art Attack with Michigan wine enthusiast Steve Salisbury at Local Color Gallery

Angie Rice displays her hat creations at The Pokagon Fund Art Gallery

Roger Harvey displays his Barn Bones series at ROAR gallery

Ruth and Jang Saldivar display their artwork at The Pokagon Fund Art Gallery

Fritz Olsen stands by one of his sculptures in his Sawyer studio

Martha Cares stands by her latest portrait of a cat at the Fritz Olsen Studio

Homemade Jam performs at Local Color Gallery Sunday

Matt Swenson displays his mixed media pop art in The Region of Three Oaks Heritage Hall Museum

DUNESS ARTS SUMMER THEATRE NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS

Dunes Arts Summer Theatre is now registering two sessions of youth theatre education programs.

All programs take place at the historic summer theatre campus at 288 Shady Oak Drive in Michiana Shores, where young people have discovered the joys of theatre arts for more than 70 years.

"Musical Theatre" will take place from 1-3 p.m. CST Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from July 9-25 for students ages 8 to 18. The cost is $225 or $200 for two or more students.

Led by dunesARTS Education Coordinator Michael Fallon and 2024 Dunes Theatre cast member, Danielle Kerr, students will develop their performative, creative and collaborative skills as they work on solos, dramatic scenes and group ensembles toward a final showcase production. Whether it's acting, singing, dancing or all three, students will be able to participate at a level tailored to their strengths and interests.

As director of Choral Activities, musical theatre director and technical theatre supervisor at Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights for nearly 30 years, Fallon and his students have received numerous awards for their ensembles in traditional concert choirs and grand champion show choirs through the Midwest.

Kerr is delighted to be teaching with the Dunes Arts Foundation again this summer. Since graduating from Northwestern University, she has worked as a teaching artist for Mudlark Theatre Company and Youth Alliance Yoga. She also serves as creative coordinator for OneStopDramaShop.com, a company that aims to make pre-K through eighth grade drama curriculum accessible for all educators. She will also be presenting on techniques for teaching drama at the AATE Conference this July. As an actor, her performance credits include shows with Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Theo Ubique, Lifeline, BoHo, Dunes Summer Theatre and more.

"Theatre Mentorship" will take place Monday and Friday afternoons, with the exact meeting times chosen mutually, from July 8-26 for students ages 13 to 18. The cost is $50 per one hour session or six classes for $250 (save $50).

This is a unique opportunity for students with higher ambitions to prepare for college and beyond by working one-on-one with dunesARTS Artistic Director Steve Scott. Steve has directed more than 300 productions for theaters across the United States and internationally. Before joining dunesARTS, he was producer at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago, where for 30 years he oversaw more than 200 productions and earned multiple awards for his contributions to Chicago theatre.

A final presentation for parents, family and friends at Dunes will take place at 11 a.m. CST Saturday, July 27.

To learn more, visit dunesARTS.org/education, email contact@dunesARTS.org or call 219-879-7509.

To register for the summer theatre classes and for scholarship applications, as well as for a listing of the Dunes Summer Theatre 2024 season, visit www.dunesarts.org. — STAFF REPORTS

Caroline Horist displays two of her shirts as part of her sustainability line of clothing

Harbert resident launches sustainability clothing line

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Harbert resident Caroline Horist has found a way to put her creativity and love for nature to good use with the launch of a sustainability clothing line.

Horist launched the line during a pop-up at Flourish Books and Plants Saturday, April 27, which also happened to be Independent Bookstore Day.

The line features a variety of blank shirts, with the words "Harbor Country Michigan" emblazoned on them. The shirts have been purchased almost exclusively from Harbor Country Mission in Bridgman and Harbor Country Emergency Food Pantry and Thrift Store in Three Oaks, with the proceeds from both establishments going right back into the community where it's needed.

"I hand select everything and choose different iron-ons and hand press them myself," Horist, who's worn second hand clothing for most of her adult life and is a lover of thrift stores, said.

Horist said that over 100 metric tons of textile waste is being sent to Ghana daily. Once there, 40% of it is being disposed of, much of which is ending up landing on their shores.

"Basically, I'm trying to give them (the clothes) a second life so I can divert them from the landfills or being sent to Ghana - a lot of second hand clothing places send stuff to Ghana and it is winding up in ocean because they can't sell it or repurpose it," she said.

In the past, Horist did band and bar merchandise, as she had her own company in Chicago.

Her photography, some of which was framed with frames of reclaimed barn wood from Harbor Country Mission, of local scenes and ceramic jewelry were also on display at Flourish.

Horist said that the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce approved her using the trademarked Harbor Country name.

Horist said she had a desire to provide affordable clothing for locals and tourists.

She added that she likes to use different styles and sizes, from plus sizes to maternity clothing to kid's clothing, to ensure inclusivity.

"You can't do that buying new merchandise, you have to have limited quantities of the same look and item and with plus sizes, there's an upcharge," she said.

Horist will be doing a line to raise money for Paws for Humanity that will launch at the spring kick-off fundraiser at The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts May 11.

Eventually, she's looking to sell her merchandises somewhere else, such as Kreative Memories in Three Oaks.

OBITUARIES

Wendell Hinton Adair, Jr.

1944-2024

Wendell Hinton Adair, Jr., 80, of St. Joseph, Michigan died Sunday, April 21, 2024.

He was born March 17, 1944, in Fort Bennings, Georgia, the oldest of three children born to Wendell Sr. and Jackie Adair. He married Monica Adair (nee Evan) February 17, 2001, in Chicago, Illinois.

Wendell graduated with honors from Emory University. He received his law degree from the University of Chicago and practiced corporate law in Chicago and New York. In the late 1980's, he fell in love with Sawyer, Michigan, bought his future retirement house, and began making Michiana his home. After retiring from law, he and Monica moved to Sawyer fulltime. They began a small business, investing and building houses in the Sawyer area. He and Monica enjoyed traveling the world — from New Zealand to Russia to Paris to Key West and California — but they loved returning home to their friends and family in Michigan.

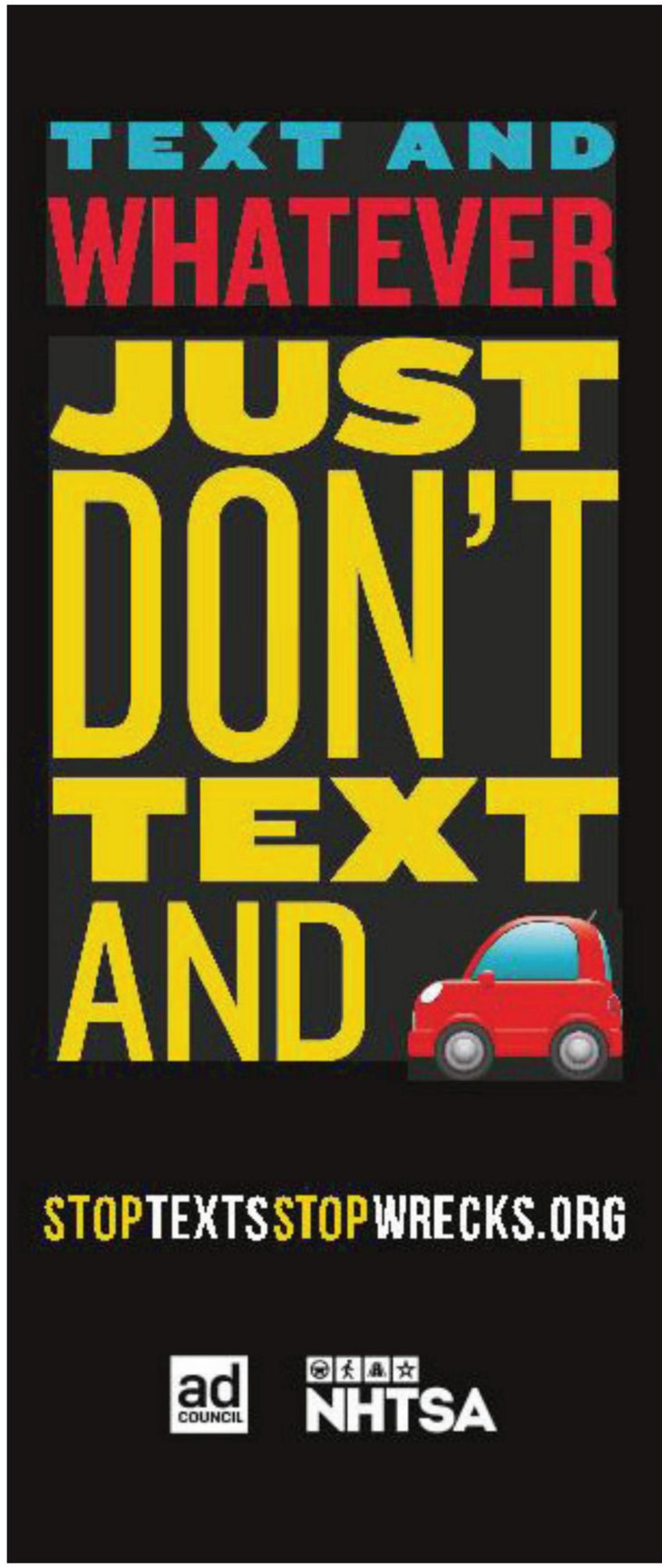
Wendell will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Monica Adair of St. Joseph; one daughter, E. Carol (Scott Merrill) Adair of Burlington, Vermont; two sons, Ben (Shoshanna Scholar) Adair of Los Angeles, John (Olivia Hollenhorst) Adair of Mammoth Lakes, California; four grandchildren, Gabriel, Soren, Brennan, Shea; one sister, Leeta (R.L.) Poston of Mobile, Alabama; one brother, David (Edie) Adair of Eatonton, Georgia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until time of service at 4:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Wendell be made to the American Red Cross, Post Office Box 37839, Boone, Iowa 50037-0839.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.



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Only two stickers will be given for each property owner, with property owners being required to show registration for each vehicle. The current tax bill must be provided. The non-transferable pass must be affixed to the lower passenger side of the vehicle inside the windshield.

Last month, the Chikaming Township Board of Trustees amended Ordinance 126 relative to parking to establish the Cherry Beach parking fee structure, which will last from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Visitors without a seasonal pass will be required to pay a $15 daily fee. A centrally located kiosk, which can read license plates, will spit out a receipt that will be placed in a windshield. — STAFF REPORTS

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A Day in the Life

TWO SENIORS AND A DOGGIE MOVIE

BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER

Recently, I was invited to a movie, "Arthur the King," which is a doggie movie.

When Cindy picked me up early, I was not quite ready - as usual. She assured me that it was okay; however, later, she told me she had an event for one of her grandchildren to attend after the movie. Her six children are now all starting their own families, for whom she often baby-sits. Nonetheless, she still made time this afternoon for us: two childlike adults, going to a children's movie.

The Celebration movie complex was only a short drive; however, upon arrival, we couldn't believe how few cars were parked there. Cindy parked near the doors and ran in to see if there were any movies playing. There were, so she pulled up closer and dropped this old man off close to the doors. In the refreshments department, I paid for two tickets and a medium popcorn and added some M & Ms. The movie was playing in Theater #4, the furthest one from the refreshment stand. I shuffled down to the theater as Cindy got the "pour it yourself " drinks. Our bill was now nudging $50! It was a long shot from the nickel we paid for a movie when I was a kid. That was so long ago that they had a live piano player for the films.

Finally, we nestled into the marvelous, lounge-type seating in our reserved seats, with only one other couple in the whole theater. The seats were huge and absolutely elegant and comfy, so much so that I was fearful of falling asleep as I waited for action on the screen. After endless previews, the movie began.

At first, we were disappointed and a little surprised that it seemed like we got a doggie movie without a dog! In the beginning, there were only lots of humans in the Dominican Republic, who were talking about some kind of race they were excited to join. They had scene after scene about going on this overland race by foot, with no sign of a doggie star. The lead actor was Mark Wahlberg, who made his debut in Calvin Klein underwear ads. He did their television commercials and became renowned for his good looks and body. I lived in New York at the time and walked my two Lhasa Apsos dogs every Saturday to the "Three B's" (as I called them), which were Bendel's, Bergdorf's, and Bloomie's stores. One Saturday, Bloomie's had Mark Walhberg's shocking underwear commercial playing in the men's department. Now, 40 years later, he is starring in our canine movie! His character was hustling to get money together for a 400 mile race across the jungle and mountains. He finally got it together with a financier and was all set with friends for his team and the big race.

Still no doggie; however, one was featured in a street scene.

Mark, looking rough and tumble with a beard and all of his clothes on, had patched together the financing for his team for an incredible race over jungle mountains and rivers. Finally, "Arthur"the dog appeared on screen! He snuck in behind the team and, by standing firmly in the pathway, incredibly saved the crew from walking into a deep chasm. Mark adopted the stray dog for being so determined and saving his crew. It was then that Arthur, the scruffy, yellow haired but cute stray dog, was in all the scenes. When Arthur contracted a rare jungle infection, Mark got him to the U.S. in spite of a ban for treatment. To the great relief of his adoring master, the surgeons dramatically saved "Arthur's" life. But the extra care for "Arthur" cost the team first place in the race. No one seemed to resent it. It was a miracle that he was saved by the American doctors in spite of the Dominican ones having told them it was hopeless. The crying began. But it turned out that it wasn't impossible and the American doctors saved "Arthur," who was adopted by Mark and his family. More crying by the both of us!

With good feelings, our theater audience of four arose from our "lounges." With some struggling, I finally got up and out of that posh lounge chair - only to immediately fall down! The nice usher, "Rico," took me in a wheelchair and pushed me all the way to the car. He deserves a raise, especially since I failed to give him a handsome tip.

And that is the story of two supposedly mature adults attending "Arthur the King."

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AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

There will be a need to separate from group dynamics and focus on yourself this week. Grasp your inner strength and get some clarity on what you really want without any input from others. This is the time to learn the value of being alone and being in touch with your inner truth.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

This is the time to set up career and investments with an eye on making things long term. Don't get caught up on the quick, fast acting returns. Think about something that has a long range with a continual return. The lesson now is understanding the value of assets overtime.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

This week you will be very in tune with yourself and the concept of a higher vibe giving you a strong desire to align your values and career with something more than just financial gains. There is a conscious awakening happening here that will help you set things on a better course.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

It isn't always easy for the crab to count on others for emotional or financial support but sometimes you need to borrow money. Sometimes you need a shoulder to cry on and that's okay. Let your friends be there for you. Open up to sharing. You don't always have to be the strong one.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

There is a very resourceful and stabile energy settling in for you this week. Know that partners can be a huge source of renewal and strength so, embrace opportunities to work with them. Get entangled in a partnership. Go into business, secure those contracts now. Once established; the cash will flow.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

There is a very exciting and enlightening energy aligning now, that will help you connect and get things done with or for partners and friends. You are a true Jack of all trades and this week you will have a chance to show off that talent by being of service to others. Get it done, MacGyver.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

There is a very connecting and interdependent energy to the week ahead. Take opportunities to be open up to others and be vulnerable. Know that romance and artistic expression is what is flowing now so, don't hold back when partners and family reach out. Give your love freely and it will be returned.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

The energy flowing your way this week is all about having fun and lightening up with partners, coworkers and friends. It's time to go out and socialize more. Even if you have a busy schedule, schedule that party time. Overcome familial and social conditioning and cut it lose.

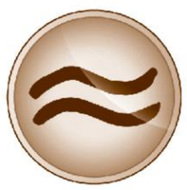
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

There is an energy coming your way that can either bring mental insight or a mental breakdown. It all depends on how you deal with things and how you chose to communicate with the people around you. A loving and supportive home is a very valuable and important to maintain.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

This week you will be blessed and cursed with the Midas touch. Discernment is important because you don't want to lose important emotional connections over financial and monetary ideas. You have a lot of love to share but also expect a lot in return. Think before you get grabby.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



This is the time to pull back and enjoy some solitude. Take more control over your environment and don't let people get under your skin. Know there is a lot of value in providing your own validation and being content with your own company. Be positive for yourself. Light up your own path.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

The energy coming your way this week will make you very communicative and inquisitive. This is the time to get hands on, ask questions and seek out information. Listening, learning and then doing is important. Don't shy away from complicated tasks. Ask questions and you will know.

Man only likes to count his troubles, but he does not count his joys. — *Fyodor Dostoevsky*

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21 Transpire
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25 Whenever (in prescrip.)
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28 Tidal bore
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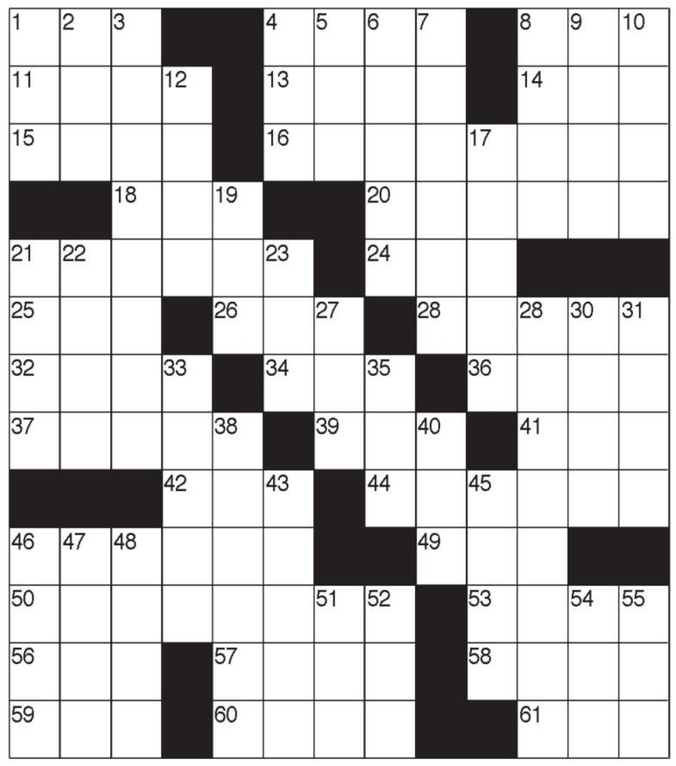

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List of people returning from Michigan with marijuana growing

BY STAN MADDUX

Another person returning from Michigan was arrested for allegedly having a large amount of marijuana while traveling back home through La Porte County.

Demar Garrison, 45, is charged in La Porte Superior Court 1 with Level 5 felony dealing in marijuana.

He could face an up to six year sentence.

According to court documents, he was in a westbound Rent-A-Car April 17 when he was stopped by La Porte County Police for tailgating on Interstate 94 outside Michigan City.

Police said there was an overwhelming odor of air freshener emitting from the vehicle, which was apparently to help disguise the odor of marijuana.

Information about the vehicle that was entered into a license plate reader data base showed he traveled the previous day from where he lives in Racine, Wisconsin, to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

There was also evidence the marijuana was possibly linked to a dispensary because the type of plastic bags used to package the green leafy substantive is used exclusively by dispensaries, police said.

With help from a K-9 dog, police said nearly a dozen one pound vacuum sealed packages of marijuana were located in the trunk along with more than three pounds of THC cartridges and THC edibles.

Police said all of the marijuana was contained inside a large odor proof duffle bag, which is commonly used in bulk marijuana smuggling.

In recent months, officers in La Porte County have made numerous arrests of people traveling back from Michigan with marijuana in their vehicles because pot is still illegal in Indiana.

Garden Club Plant Sale on tap for this month

The River Valley Garden Club's huge plant sale will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18, at Harbert Community Park, 13300 Red Arrow Highway in Harbert, just north of the Chikaming Township Center.

The sale, which will take place rain or shine, will feature home grown perennials, flowers, ground cover, vegetable plants, bushes and small trees from the gardens of club members.

"Our sale is always a big draw because the plants are all grown locally and it is a great kick-off for spring," said Elizabeth Palulis, garden club president. "We think of it as the social event of the season."

The annual sale includes gardening tools and books as well as the plants. The plants are divided as sun-loving and shade-tolerant, so people can choose plants that work for their environment.

In addition to the plant sale, the garden club offers field trips, guest speakers, a member's plant auction and hands-on workshops. Anyone with an interest in gardening is always welcome at the River Valley Garden Club. The club is also involved in service projects throughout the year. Members come from Indiana and throughout southwest Michigan.

For more information, contact Palulis at 269-362-4564 or email her at evpalulis@yahoo.com. Also visit the club's website, www.rivervalleygardenclub.org. — STAFF REPORTS

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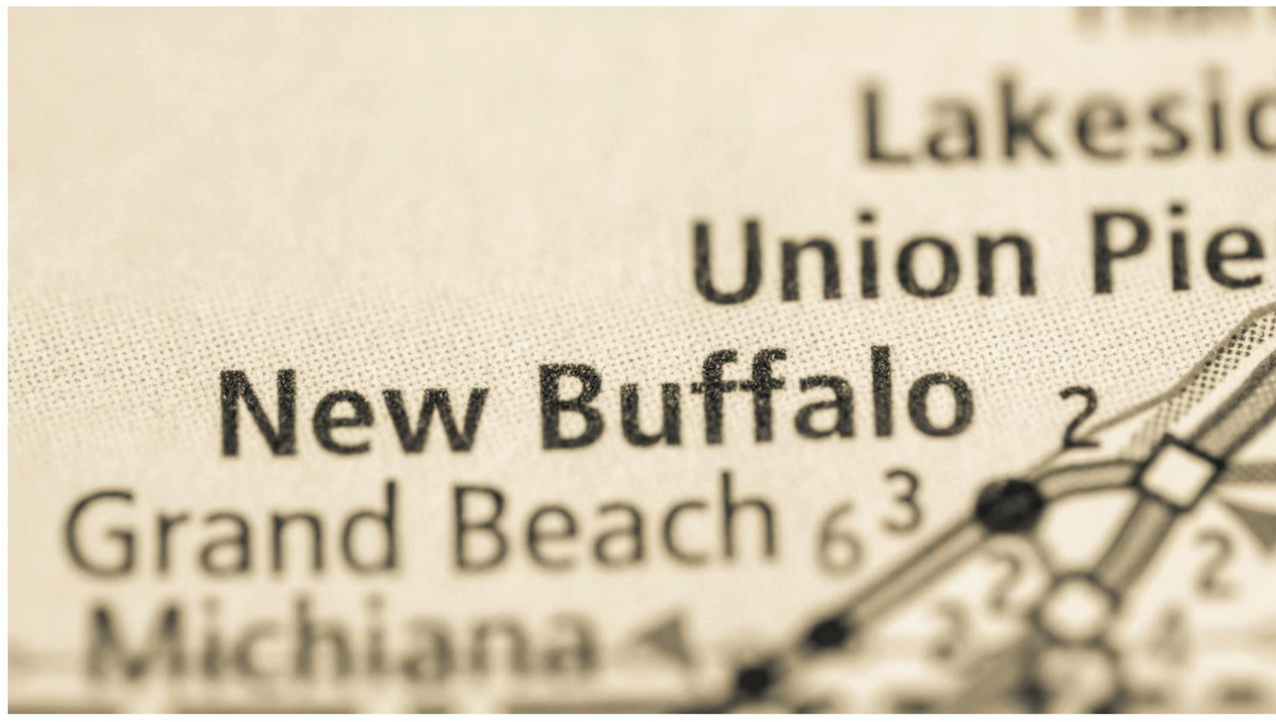

Guests enjoy the food at the hog roast

Flag Day Princess and Prince Hazel Bross and Finley Boersma are ready to serve guests

Gloria Thomas, Daniel Lucker, Maddie Whitlow, Alec Werden and Heather Whitlow serve as the kitchen crew

Documentary to spotlight small-town charm of 'Largest Flag Day Parade

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

This year, the "World's Largest Flag Day Parade" and the events leading up to it in Three Oaks will be able to be viewed in all their glory for years to come thanks to the husband and wife duo of Andrew and Melissa Shea.

Andrew is a film producer, who teaches film at the University of Texas. Per the Flag Day website, the couple has premiered their many documentaries at worldwide festivals, such as Cannes, Sundance, Tribeca, South by Southwest and one work that was acquired by HBO/Max.

According to Dyanne Thomas-Niemzyke, chair of the parade, Andrew and Melissa have been conducting interviews and research for a documentary. According to the Three Oaks Flag Day Weekend and Parade Facebook, the documentary will be a "dawn to dusk observational portrait of a community that comes together each year in June to celebrate the flag and the shared values of small town America."

Thomas-Niemzyke said that Andrew and Melissa have a second home in Three Oaks.

"They've been coming here for 20 years so they decided they wanted to capture Flag Day," she said.

On the day of the 72nd annual parade, which is slated for 3 p.m. Sunday, June, 9, there'll be about eight sets of film crews in town.

"So there'll be tons and tons of cameras," Thomas-Niemzyke said.

A film crew was present when DJ Freehling and Thomas-Niemzyke's daughter, Mya Thomas, were crowned the 2024 Mr. and Miss Three Oaks/River Valley in January.

They were also there at the annual Flag Day Hog Roast, which sustains the parade, at the Three Oaks American Legion Post Saturday, April 27.

The event featured food, a silent auction with donations from various businesses and live entertainment from Resurrection Blues Band.

Thomas-Niemzyke said that they don't use a whole hog but a roast, which is smoked by Tim Salmon.

"Then my mom and sister, who are in the kitchen, made the mac and cheese, the beans and the cole slaw," she said.

Flag Day weekend, which is set for Friday through Sunday, June 7-9, is chock full of events.

This year, there will be line dancing on Friday, as well as the traditional co-ed softball tournament at the legion and live music by BoneAfyde. A carnival, which was held at the Oaktoberfest at the legion last fall, will be in high gear all weekend.

Other events include the 5K Run/Walk at Watkins Park Saturday, as well as the Flag Day Market at Carver Park, the Pet Parade, the Quilts of Valor Presentation at Carver Park, another co-ed softball tournament and a cornhole tournament. At night, there will be live music by P.S. Dump Your Boyfriend, The VanDyke Revue and Chicken Dolphin as well as fireworks at the legion. In addition to the parade, Sunday will also feature live music by Dr. Rob and the Revivers (whom Thomas-Niemzyke said are a bunch of doctors) and Donnie Isaacs, as well as an Army Afghanistan veteran from Kentucky, who Thomas-Niemzyke said they've had for the last three years.

The first Flag Day Parade featured approximately 20 parade units. Now, it features well over 100, which includes units of veterans, drill teams, pageant courts, equestrian groups, antique tractors, musical marching units, clowns, antique cars and trucks, politicians and drum and bugle corps.

More information on Flag Day Weekend can be found at www.threeoaksflagday.com.

The Mid-American Cowgirls march in last year's drizzly Flag Day Parade

Guests purchase tickets to the hog roast

Guests enjoy the food at the hog roast

Peeking at the silent auction items at the hog roast

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